

**Request for Two-Month Extension of Time to Respond:**

Applicant respectfully requests a two-month extension of time for filing an Appeal Brief in accordance with a Notice of Appeal filed December 23, 2003, in the above-captioned patent application. As a result of this request, the deadline to respond shall be extended up to and including April 23, 2004. Applicant is enclosing a check including the amount of \$210 covering the requisite small entity fee (Fee Code 2252) for a two-month extension of time to respond. Nevertheless, in the event of any variance between the fees determined by Applicant and those determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 02-0375.